

Application Serial No. 10/648,095  
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Art Unit: 3616

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**Amendments to the claims:**

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. No new matter has been added.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A passenger protecting apparatus comprising:  
an airbag ~~which is~~ provided above a door opening of a vehicle body in a folded situation and is inflated and unfurled downward in gas inflow to protect a passenger,  
~~wherein~~ said airbag is unified with a bracket through a through-hole formed at ~~one end of~~ the bracket above the airbag; and  
wherein said bracket is fastened, fixed, and attached to said vehicle body by a fitting through only another through-hole formed ~~at the other end of the bracket and located below said~~ airbag.

2. (Currently Amended) A passenger protecting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a protrusion portion which can fit in a fit-in hole provided in said vehicle body is provided at one end of said bracket.

3-6 (Previously Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A method for attaching a passenger protecting apparatus comprising, providing a passenger protecting apparatus including an airbag which is provided above a door opening of a vehicle body in a folded situation and is inflated and unfurled downward in gas inflow to protect a passenger, ~~wherein~~ said airbag is unified with a bracket through a through-hole formed at ~~one end of the bracket~~ above the airbag; and ~~wherein~~ said bracket is fastened, fixed, and attached to said vehicle body by a fitting through only another through-hole formed ~~at the other end of the bracket and located below said~~ airbag,  
wherein after said airbag is attached to said bracket in advance, thereby making a subassembly, attaching said subassembly to said vehicle body.

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8 (Canceled)

9. (Original) A method for attaching a passenger protecting apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said subassembly is attached to said vehicle body with a bolt and nut.

10. (Original) A method for attaching a passenger protecting apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said subassembly is attached to said vehicle body with a rivet.